

ITALIANS, WITHIN SIGHT OF TRIESTE, PREPARE ATTACK

Capture of Monfalcone, 16 Miles from Goal, Gives Control of Railway.

INVADERS CHECKED FURTHER TO NORTH

Vienna Claims Success at Plava and Gradisca—Austrian Reinforcements Arrive.

Udine, Italy, June 10 (via Paris).—Italian troops, now within sight of the city of Trieste, are preparing to launch an attack over the sixteen miles that separates the Austrian town of Monfalcone, just taken by King Victor Emmanuel's forces, and the city whose capture is one of the main objectives of the Italian campaign.

From the hills around Monfalcone the Italians can easily see the provincial capital which is their goal. Their occupation of the town and their domination of the surrounding country are regarded as of the greatest importance. The possession of Monfalcone, which is three miles east of the Isonzo River and an equal distance north of the Gulf, gives the Italians control of the chief railway junction of that region. It prevents the Austrians from transporting troops or ammunition from Trieste to Tolmino and Gradisca, where violent conflicts are now being fought. Monfalcone is the centre of electrical supply for Trieste, and has large ship-building yards.

On taking possession of Monfalcone the Italians ran up their flag on the ruins of an ancient tower built by the Venetians. The capture of the town is being celebrated to-day by the Italian troops.

Austrians Flood Valley.
The Austrians have attempted to transform the lower region of the Isonzo River into a flooded country, duplicating the feat of the Allies in Belgium, for the purpose of halting the Italian advance. Dikes were opened, the banks of the river were broken down and several canals were tapped. The results achieved were insignificant, however, as most of the water was either absorbed by the earth or carried off by ditches. No serious inconvenience for the invading Italians was occasioned.

The Italian troops which are invading Austria through the Arco valley toward Rovereto, to the south of Trent, discovered that the Austrians had abandoned Fort Possaccio, two miles north of Matsonne. Fort Possaccio was noted as one of the strongest Austrian fortifications in that region. It was equipped with heavy guns, said to have been brought from Galicia. The Austrians destroyed the fortifications before their evacuation.

Italians Repulsed North of Monfalcone

London, June 10.—To-day's communication issued by the Austrian War Office, omitting all mention of the

GERMAN EMBASSY IN SUMMER HOME.



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fighting around Monfalcone, the railway junction near Trieste, which the Italians claim to have occupied, says the Italians have been repulsed in attempts to cross the Isonzo River at Plava, a town about midway between Tolmino and Gorizia, and at Gradisca and Sagrado, below Gorizia. The bulletin continues: "In the district of Plava and on the ridge of Karn, east of the Ploken Pass, fighting is proceeding. There also are artillery engagements on the East Tyrolean frontier. Hostile attacks in the Tonnale district failed."

Archduke at Front.
Archduke Eugene, commander of the Austro-Hungarian forces in the campaign against Italy, arrived at Laibach Tuesday evening, according to a dispatch from Innsbruck. He was met by General Conrad von Hotzendorf and the members of his staff, and received an ovation from the troops. Yesterday he visited the Italian front.

The arrival of the archduke at Laibach is taken by the Austrians to indicate that the most important battles in the Italian campaign will be fought along the Isonzo River, and that the campaigns in the Trent district and in the Tyrol will be of secondary importance. Heavy Austro-Hungarian reinforcements continue to arrive at Laibach from the Russian front, and the forces under Archduke Eugene, the Innsbruck telegram says, are now offering a strong resistance along the Isonzo River.

Italy Denies Charge of Arming Cathedrals

Rome, June 10 (via Paris).—An official note issued to-day categorically denies a statement attributed to the Berlin "Vossische Zeitung," stating that wireless jets had been erected and anti-aeroplane guns mounted on Milan Cathedral and St. Mary's, in Venice. The note adds:

"The announcement seems to have been made to prepare public opinion for attacks similar to those at Rheims and Louvain, but such attacks will be absolutely unjustifiable and alike con-

trary to the laws of war concerning bombardments and the most elementary principles of civilization."

Italians Advance on Northern Frontier

Rome, June 10 (via London).—The following official communication was issued this evening:

"Podestagno, to the north of Cortina, on the Tyrol frontier, has been occupied. During the night of June 9 and 10 the Austrians renewed their attack on Preikefel, but were repulsed with serious losses. Along the Isonzo the enemy's stubborn resistance we have occupied the citadel and heights dominating Monfalcone."

Italians Clear Pass in Hand-to-Hand Fight

Rome, June 10 (via Paris).—In the extreme north, on the threshold of the Carnic Alps, after three days of fighting, the Italians have swept the Austrians from Monte Croce and taken possession of Preikefel Pass. The Austrians made a desperate resistance, recognizing the vital importance of this zone. When they first rallied after a repulse, they flung themselves upon the Italians, who were holding Preikefel with an attenuated force. The artillery, in these terrible three days of hand-to-hand fighting, had little chance to intervene. In the narrow confines of the pass Latin and German fought and no quarter was given. The Austrians, undismayed at their losses, fought from behind ramparts of their own dead.

At a critical moment of the fighting three fresh Austrian regiments arrived and were thrown against the weakened Italian front. The Alpini, carried off their feet, were forced back down the pass, but, reforming, sprang at the oncoming enemy and brought the Austrian rush to a dead stop. The Italians fed their sorely tried fighting line with reinforcements, and against this strengthened wall of bayonets the Austrian wave dashed itself in vain. Speedily intrenching themselves, the Italians had to face a second Austrian infantry wave. It rolled over and through the first Italian line, the defenders being simply submerged by the torrent of the enemy. Very few Austrians survived the ensuing body to body fighting. Those who did were glad to break away from the deadly Italian grip and retire, their ranks further thinned by machine gun fire.

Although baffled, the Austrians were by no means beaten, and, gathering strength, they sought in three additional attacks to overwhelm the Italians. But the Alpini stood firm, shattering to pieces the successive Austrian onslaughts. For the sixth time the Austrian officers sought to lead their men forward, but they refused to face again the Italian steel and rifle fire. Seeing their hesitancy, the Alpini passed from the defensive to the offensive. Throwing aside their encumbering knapsacks and shouting "Viva l'Italia!" they dashed at the Austrians, sweeping them from their path and converting a repulse into a rout. The punishment administered to the Austrians left them little heart for further fighting and they were speedily overcome and driven off the field. Many, physically incapable of saving themselves by retreating, threw down their arms and surrendered.

KAISER WILL LEAD ATTACK ON ITALY

King Emmanuel's Forces Guard Against Air Raids and Poison Gases.

GERMANS STRIVE FOR BALKAN NEUTRALITY

But Signs Point to Intervention by Greece, Rumania and Bulgaria.

By GORDON GORDON-SMITH.
Rome, June 9.—The statement is made here that as soon as the German army now being concentrated in Bavaria takes the field against Italy the



Above—Embassy offices. Lower picture, left to right—Dr. Ahrens, attaché; Baron von Schoen, Prince von Hatzfeldt-Trachenburg, Princess von Hatzfeldt and Baron Haniel.

SUMMER EMBASSY WAITS BERNSTORFF

Direct Connection with Sayville Wireless Puts Finishing Touch to Preparations.

The finishing touches are being placed on the German summer embassy at Cedarhurst, which Ambassador von Bernstorff is expected to occupy within a very short time. It was learned at Cedarhurst yesterday that the ambassador visited his summer home on Monday, but appeared so unenthusiastically that none of the Cedarhurst people recognized him.

In a smaller cottage, about 200 yards from the embassy, provision has been made for a corps of clerks and stenographers. The cottage will be used also as the ambassador's office. Telephone and telegraph companies have installed direct wires from the wireless station at Sayville, a small building having been erected for the telegraphers. When Ambassador von Bernstorff arrives the embassy will be ready for the continuation of his official work, which will hardly suffer any interruption by the removal from Washington.

NO GERMAN BACKING, SAY 'POSTER' WOMEN

Neutrality Lovers Give Money, Declares Baltimore League's President.

Baltimore, June 10.—Intense indignation was expressed at to-day's meeting of the Organization of Women for Strict Neutrality at reports that the movement was financed by the German government. Miss Nellie Miller, president, declared that the charge was an insult to American women. "The money," she said, "is collected in every city where the poster advertising is begun. If we had money from the German government, do you think we would be forced to wait until the necessary funds are collected? In every city collections are made from men and women in favor of the strict neutrality of this country and opposed to the exportation of arms and munitions." Questioned about the charge that the membership consisted mostly of German women, Miss Miller said: "That is absolutely false. There are a few German women in our organization, and we welcomed them as members just as we would welcome women of any other nationality. The greatest number of the membership is American born and of American extraction."

Mrs. Crystal Eastman Benedict, vice-chairman of the Woman's Peace party, said yesterday that the organization was in no way responsible for the posters, although the members are not necessarily out of sympathy with the spirit of the campaign.

79,946 BRITISH WOMEN ENROLL FOR WAR WORK

London, June 10.—According to figures announced in the House of Commons this afternoon 79,946 women have registered for war work, and 1,916 have been utilized. This does not include the women who have registered at private labor exchanges.

Kaiser will come in person to Trentino to be present at the attack. Meanwhile not an hour is being lost by Italy and every possible measure is being taken to utilize every force in the country.

Professor Caimician, of Bologna, has discovered a simple but efficacious protection against asphyxiating gases. This consists of soaking woollen respirators in water in which calcined wood reduced to powder has been dissolved. As calcined wood can be manufactured easily at the front in unlimited quantities every soldier can carry a supply of carbonate of potassium, contained in wood, as an antidote to poisonous gases.

Guard Against Air Attacks.
On account of the narrowness of the Italian peninsula the whole country is peculiarly liable to aeroplane and airship attack. As a consequence measures are being taken to plunge the towns in semi-darkness after nightfall. At Rome all lamps are covered with dark glass and a flotilla of aeroplanes is ready to repel an attack. Negotiations are now going on between the Allies and Rumania, Bulgaria and Greece to bring them in at an early date. I learn through an absolutely trustworthy source that Venizelos and his party will sweep the whole country at the Greek general election on Sunday, so that the war party will return to power. As Ven-

ice is willing to make large concessions in Macedonia to Bulgaria, the intervention of the latter country is also certain. How much Austria and Germany fear this and a Bulgarian march on Constantinople, which would be the consequence, is proved by the fact that they have induced Turkey to offer to cede Kirk Killisch to Bulgaria as the price of her neutrality.

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